

*Book review of Peter Tase "The Image of Paraguay in the United States, The Presidency of Dr. Federico Franco Gómez, 2012-2014" (July 2014, USA)*

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### **Power of Arguments and not the Arguments of Power**

Simplicity of expression, methodological specificity of appearances with journalistic specifics of quality diversity and strength of objective arguments that even for one moment does not become recognizable as arguments of power but rather the opposite - the power of the arguments.

Severity analysis approach towards Paraguayan economy, its past, present, with the aim of emphasizing quality preconditions for the future is what separates this book in comparison with similar essayistic-reportage-focused analytical essays. In medias res: Books of similar embodiments often have for a goal assumption of the manipulative actions, targeted desire of caterwaul tom through certain forms of economic determinations open doors of daffodils, using the phrase "the road to hell is paved with good intentions." No, this book is not only analytically precise, scientifically formulated and journalistic clarity, but may be a textbook of new generation. Journalists often tend to be a "universal ignorant" going towards the realization of "a little knowledge of everything" instead of "knowledge of specific manifestations humbly and strongly." Peter Tase belongs to the other mentioned, being the scientist who objectively, scientifically satisfactory form of answers to the essential question of HOW (?), trying to not only ask questions, but also giving the answers on topics given to his own journalistic, analytical being.

He reveals the bays of hope within the Bermuda Triangle of false assumptions, carrying himself with the thought that does not impose, but merely directs (and, is it a goal of objective journalism, scientific kind, primarily?) our considerations towards the methodology of knowledge about something, to have that "something" has become receptive to space and time on which he is focused at. And us with him; Not even for one moment the yielding to be trapped with manipulation by his own words (and thoughts ofcourse) that it might take away, carried him away in the opposite direction, he connects incompatible indeed, connecting people, cities, regions, and countries. Why? Because of the basic, human, civilization wish to show that on the area of the world does not walk figures deluded with conspiracy theories, but the people who make civilization of the moment and who wants to live a decent life no matter where, when, how much and how they live. Of course, the question "HOW" is essential if we focus on all of the above.

Answers are found in the book by Peter Tase, of course, if we know how to read it. Not between the lines, because he was not of that kind of authors who gives troubles *urbi et orbi* to the people when readers' head smashes with the question "what the writer wanted to say", but directly by decomposing the manifested and, folding it back into analytical forms of possible visions. Of the cooperation, upgrading and implementations. Of the economy, in all its forms. Of the appearances. We live in an imperfect world. A world where the rich have more and more and the poor less and less. In the world of capitalism that has overcome the possible alternatives shaped and structured within socialism in the century behind us. But whether is the capitalism that we know today lobby of the "end of history", as Fukuyama announced? Maybe we need to experience a some kind of end, catharsis in front of which is just South American area of economic potential and economic prosperity, to be able see that the answer is right in the modalities of the possible alternatives offered by this book.

How? That persisting question again opens before us. The answer is, as always, painfully simple. Peter Tase, when analyzing the orientation of the President's wishes of one small (in terms of space, people, and, to some extent, limited resources), but large (at orientations, realizations, aspirations) country such as Paraguay, he uses a simple formula: The formula, which is located in a reply to challenge of the above mentioned capitalist orientations. In fact, as far as we are saying that there may be an alternative to the above, there is something in which people are forced to abuse said "put somebody on power and give him money - and you will see who really he is." In the negative sense, of course; simplicity of determination of the President of Paraguay, with his associates is proving just the opposite. That man who has the power and the money does not have just always to have negative directions.

Why? Due to the understanding of space and time in which he lives. Knowing that benefit for the individual brings good today and for a short time, and the common good brings benefit for a longer period of time for everybody. The fight against corruption, nepotism, thievery, manipulation, neglect, in regards paying taxes and not investing in new production processes and economic forms of improvement with the aim of achieving untaxed profit is the priority task of the President of this South American country. Of course, if he had the support of the general population. Do not forget, and this is identical in all countries of the world, the thought that we have listed about the power and money we can clearly see only as a negation of itself if we have associates who support our goal towards general-common, not towards individual good. Not long ago I wrote a thought, aphorism, "The power does not change the human. Who were jerks before he will continue to be that"; yes, this is exactly the answer to all "disbelievers". Specifically, in the case of the President of Paraguay finally

confirmed the opposite, because he had not been specified within that thought, aphorism. The man who has been directed towards good in "previous" life could not otherwise do things in "today's" life. But doing good. And stay to remain identical to his own goals regardless being the ordinary citizen and / or the president. Of Paraguay.

Through education reform, democratic institutions reforms, electoral system, through the rule of law and not through the law of rule, the President of Paraguay is an example of a man and a politician who wants and to do well, because all the religions of the world teaches us that "good gives...good" His presidency in the given period is not just exemplary of the leadership of the country, not only for his own space and time, but also more widely, and beyond. Peter Tase, through this occasion gives us the view from the USA towards the pragmatic President willing to confront serious problems in the country and being ready to do something more than just to execute the mandate of President-puppet, and often ends up on the political trials, as his predecessors. To this president that could not happen. Transparency was his brutal, but honest answer. The answer that confuses enemies and makes friends where you least expect. In a direct conversation through interview with the President of Paraguay, Peter Tase, skillfully brave scholar interview leads to a genuine encounter with the truth - oriented quality of living for the people, but also for the country as a whole. Aimed towards political and economic evolution which might only appear as it is with missing the letter "r" at the beginning of word, the president of Paraguay with his practicality concreteness turns to be serious - environment in which he exists. Cooperation with neighboring countries, the European Union, USA and all those who seek common interests where everybody wins (win-win situation) with a view to the welfare of all for all and not some for individual someone-or several of them, is the basic goal of presenting the life and way of work of this man. President. Small, but a great country; multilingual approach of launching of this journalists-essayistic-reportage kind of the work is another benefit of the author.

And he succeeds in doing that, bringing seemingly distant languages to other people, and vice versa. Although he explains in details the meetings of the President of this country with other officials of the neighboring countries and beyond, overseas friends, not for one moment we find no excess of condescending that owns "house" journalists but on the contrary, we have the "discoverer" of the truth in front of us. These high quality strongly substantiated truth about time and space and the impact of one man in space and time in which he lives. And works. Aspiring towards good. Writing texts of essayistic origin in EURASIA REVIEW and SPERONEWS during the period covered by this book, Peter Tase presented the consistency of his vision without departing from the

basic assumptions of journalistic craft. Of what? Precisely what many journalists are missing makes this author a gifted writer.

What is it? Through cinematic framing of the specific news and developments before us spreads a beautiful rug of the facts, argumentative attitudes, wise conclusions, and recommendations. Focus on the man about he writes, talks to him, but also using the most valuable thing that makes a man a human - aspiring towards the truth. Although we are all determined by the environment where we grow up, through education, the influence of tradition, religion, race, gender, etc., before us appears the author does not abuse these influences but, on the contrary, took advantages of them and skillfully uses it to be able to give us a man of different area and the environment. Peter Tase advantage is that he is a man without prejudice, open and focused to the implementation of methodology of realization of understanding that we are humans on the first place, and after that specially designated national; religious and/or traditional forms of appearance. Multi-identity that exists within the author of this book is an advantage in a world filled with faults exclusion, hatred and prejudices. His writing is a symbolic reflection of the artist of words in the face of angry everyday life which he reveals frankly, inspired and skillfully. With focuses even on the tiniest detail when talking about dates, places and people. In and around them.

Opening of the perspectives for the general awareness of the world in and around Paraguay, this author has created a better understanding of ourselves as well. Because understanding the other, we are creating preconditions for better understanding of the own acts and actions. *Contradictio in adiecto*? No, just the opposite. This book is an example of that. It teaches us. Creating a textbook of knowledge. About the space and time. Having the good fortune to be a contemporary of time and space about which he is writing, Peter Tase reveals for us the truth in its fullness. Through the concreteness, with the power of the argument in the fight against gray of obedient journalism, while understanding that it is a difficult time in front of a single man, but he knows what he's doing. Again, aspiring towards good. With a focus on specific forms of economic orientations of the MERCOSUR region as the "breadbasket of the world" - the Common Market of South America where everybody wins with a view for the development and survival of each of the Member States on the basis of equality, this journalist and scholar does good. And not only about that, but on tourism, cooperation with other countries, regions, economic unifying own orientations. Speaking of the essence because of the concrete forms of implementation. World being targeted. Being conscious with historical facts, in his writings is possible to see the reflection of seeing of a human, and after that only journalists and scholar, who devoted his direction to the country that is not of his origin, but his determination. Knowing that the longest journey begins with the first step.

And when we talk about awakening of the humans, people, countries. But also us about them. And about us, ourselves. Within the collaboration with colleague Martin Barillas also in a number of texts of this book.

As I said, film framing of Peter Tase before us creates a documentary vision of people and acting in one country for me, as a European, so far away, but after reading this book, so close to me. Especially when we talk about everyday life in Paraguay within the economic, political and social problems which are faced with. Surrounded by a large fish to whom is not enough to limit them the habitat but already want to deny even themselves. My dear Bosnia and Herzegovina, the land of the Serbs, Croats, Muslims, but most of all of all Bosnians and Herzegovinians, is it happens to you as well for centuries?

Paraguay is a country that respects tradition through shaping Guarani language as a promotional form of survival of the culture and tradition due to the fact that this is the only official indigenous language in South America that is used in official communications. Peter Tase stayed, in the form of these presentations, remained consistent to himself, opening new doors of understanding for the culture of the country in the survival, pride and unity. As I began this story of a human - a writer, journalist, I will finish in the same way: Simplicity of expression, methodological specificity of appearances with journalistic specifics of quality diversity and strength of objective arguments that even for one moment does not become recognizable as arguments of power but rather the opposite - the power of the arguments. Why I am repeating the introductory sentence. Because the announcement has confirmed discussed above. And it is worth. The power of the arguments; of Peter's.